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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of the Patent of)(
Donald M. Yale)(
 Patent No. **5,271,638**)(
 Issued: December 21, 1993)(
 Application No. 930,997)(
 Filed: August 17, 1992)(
 For: **TRUCK STEERING STABILIZER**)(
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AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT'S
PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF PATENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.378
AND PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED
SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
 COUNTY OF GREGG)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, authority, on this day personally appeared Donald M. Yale, and who after being by me sworn deposes and says;

1. My name is Donald M. Yale; I am the inventor, applicant and owner of the reference patent and the subject material therein;

2. A continuation-in-part application of the reference application and patent has been prepared, filed and is pending before the United States Patent Office;

4. I have known Mr. Nisbett for several years and have consulted with him concerning the above described patent applications on several occasions and concerning manufacture and sale of one embodiment of the device described in the applications; I am a retired truck driver and my wife and I live on social security payments of about \$1,000.00 a month; the income is barely enough for us to live and we operate a business manufacturing and selling one embodiment of the device described in the patent; when the patent was issued, I received from Mr. Nisbett a copy of the rules and statutes concerning payment of the maintenance fees and the amounts of such fees; I intended to be able to timely pay the first maintenance fee when it became due:

5. The first maintenance fee for the Patent No. 5,271,638 was due between December 21, 1996, and June 21, 1997;

6. Sometime after August 8, 1997, Mr. Nisbett and I discussed the Maintenance Fee Reminder from the Patent and Trademark Office (copy attached to Mr. Nisbett's affidavit as

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Exhibit A, submitted with Original Petition) which indicated the fees were due and which I planned to pay as soon as I was able;

7. During another office visit in March 1998, I indicated to Mr. Nisbett that I had not been able to pay the maintenance fee because of the limited income on which my wife and I live but that I thought I could now pay the maintenance fee; the amount of the fee and surcharge

required were discussed and I ask Mr. Nisbett to prepare the necessary papers, I borrowed the funds to pay the maintenance fee and surcharge;

8. After a diligent search of the files and records, Affiant is not aware of any other communications or records concerning payment of the Maintenance Fee;

9. That attached hereto as Exhibits S-1, S-2, S-3 and S-4 are four pages namely: a SSA-1099 form for Donald Yale, a SSA-1099 form for Velma Yale, a 1139 form for tax refund and a letter from the IRS showing that Don and Velma Yale did not have sufficient income to be required to file and income tax return; that these documents accurately reflect the income received by the Applicant during 1996, 1997 and 1998; and these documents show that the Applicant was not able to pay the fees as stated above;

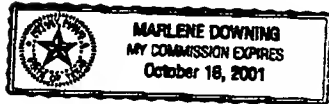
Further Affiant sayeth not.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Donald M. Yale, who upon oath deposes and says that he is the herein, that he has personal knowledge of the facts stated in the above Affidavit and that said facts are true and correct.

Donald M. Yale
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me on this the 11 day of FEBRUARY, 1999.

Marlene Downing
Notary Public



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